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In re application: Capps, Jr. et al.

Serial No.: 09/881,922

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For: Method and System for System
Performance Optimization Via
Heuristically Optimized Buses§
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Group Art Unit: 2112

Examiner: Vu, Trisha U.

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In response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.